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1. SUMMARY. UAE AIR FORCE WILL NOT RPT NOT HAVE CANDIDATES
FOR C-130 TRAINING COURSES IN US IN FY 78. END SUMMARY.

2. IN MEETING WITH DCM JULY 19 UAE DF COS GEN KHALDI SAID
DECISION HAD BEEN MADE TO REQUEST USAF C-130 PILOT CONVERSION
TRAINING FOR ONE UAE AF OFFICER, LT. ABDIL AZIZ KHALIFA HEJRES,
SOLE UAE AF OFFICER SUCCESSFULLY TO SCORE ABOVE 80 IN ECL
(REF C). HOWEVER, IN TELECON JULY 25 WITH DCM, UAE DF
DIRECTOR TRAINING COL TALAL MAHMOUD SAID THIS DECISION
HAD BEEN REVERSED AND THAT LT. HEJRES NOW SCHEDULED TO ACCOMPANY
OTHER UAE AF PILOTS (PRESUMABLY THOSE WHO TOOK BUT
FAILED TO ACHIEVE 80 OR BETTER ON ECL) TO ENGLAND FOR
TRAINING. MAHMOUD INDICATED DECISION TO SEND HEJRES TO
UK AND NOT US FOR TRAINING WAS MOTIVATED BY DESIRE TO
KEEP TOGETHER GROUP OF UAE AF PERSONNEL SELECTED FOR C-130
TRAINING. HE CONFIRMED UAE AF DOES NOT PLAN PLACE ANY
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PERSONNEL IN USAF C-130 TRAINING COURSES IN FY 78.

3. COMMENT: IN CONVERSATIONS WITH DCM DURING HIS
INITIAL CALLS, GEN KHALDI, COL MAHMOUD, AND COL MUHAMMAD
ABD AL-RAHMAN, ACTING UAE AF COMMANDER, ALL CONTINUED
TO STRESS THEIR CONCERN OVER LENGTH OF TIME WHICH UAE AF
PERSONNEL WOULD BE REQUIRED TO SPEND IN ELT PRIOR TO COMMENCE-

MENT OF FORMAL FLIGHT INSTRUCTION. PROBLEM IS ONE OF MATCHING VERY LIMITED NUMBER OF QUALIFIED UAE AF PERSONNEL AGAINST BOTH CURRENT OPERATIONAL AND DESIRED TRAINING REQUIREMENTS. UAE AF CONSIDERS ITS NEED FOR TRAINED AIR CREWS TO BE SO GREAT THAT IT UNWILLING AS THIS POINT TO RELEASE THEM FOR PERIODS OF 18-24 WEEKS OR LONGER CONSIDERED BY USAF AS MINIMUM TIME REQUIRED TO ASSURE ADEQUATE ENGLISH LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY.

4. THIS LEADS US TO CONSIDER WHETHER THERE MAY NOT BE SOME WAY EFFECTIVELY TO TRY TO RAISE ENGLISH LANGUAGE CAPABILITIES OF POTENTIAL UAE AF (AND OTHER SERVICE) TRAINEES TO MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE LEVELS THROUGH IN-COUNTRY ELT PROGRAMS. PROGRAM WOULD NEED BE DESIGNED WITH SOME FLEXIBILITY SO THAT STUDENTS WOULD HAVE PORTION OF EACH WEEK FREE FOR THEIR NORMAL MILITARY DUTIES WHILE STUDYING ENGLISH PART-TIME FOR WHATEVER NUMBER OF WEEKS NEEDED TO BRING THEM UP TO 80 LEVEL OR AT LEAST TO WITHIN SUFFICIENT PROXIMITY THAT LEVEL THAT ATTENDANCE AT DLIELC COURSES FOR CONSIDERABLY LESS THAN 18 WEEKS WOULD BE ADEQUATE TO ASSURE PROFICIENCY. COULD THIS BE DONE ON FMS BASIS BY SMALL MTT OF EFL INSTRUCTORS? ALTERNATIVELY, WE MIGHT EXPLORE WHETHER UAE-FUNDED TEFL FACILITY UNDER USIS AUSPICES WOULD BE FEASIBLE WITH PLACES RESERVED FOR MILITARY AS WELL AS FOR CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN NEED OF ELT PRIOR TO TRAINING ASSIGNMENTS IN US. (NOTE: WE HAVE NOT HAD OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS THIS IDEA WITH PAO NAIFEH WHO CURRENTLY ON CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON AND WILL NOT RETURN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO POST UNTIL NEXT WEEK. WE WOULD OF COURSE WISH OBTAIN HIS VIEWS BEFORE TAKING ANY DECISION TO PROCEED LATTER ROUTE.)

5. WOULD WELCOME ADDRESSEES COMMENTS ON ABOVE SUGGESTIONS FOR IN-COUNTRY ELT OR UAE MILITARY PERSONNEL.
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